

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. RES. 759

Expressing condolences to the family of Jim Pouillon on his passing.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

Mr. CAMP (for himself and Mr. KILDEE) submitted the following resolution;  
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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# RESOLUTION

Expressing condolences to the family of Jim Pouillon on  
his passing.

Whereas James “Jim” Pouillon was murdered in Owosso,  
Michigan, on September 11, 2009;

Whereas Jim Pouillon is mourned by his family, friends, com-  
munity, and fellow defenders of the First Amendment  
and the unborn;

Whereas Jim Pouillon, 63, was a veteran, was wounded in  
the defense of his country, was a father of 5, and was  
a retired auto-worker;

Whereas, Jim Pouillon, was killed outside a public high  
school, a place intended for peace and deliberation but in  
a moment became a place for violence and murder;

Whereas places of learning and all public areas protected by the United States Constitution should be sanctuaries for the free exercise of speech and civil discourse; and

Whereas violence is deplorable and never an acceptable avenue for expressing opposing viewpoints: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) offers its condolences to Jim Pouillon’s fam-  
3       ily; and

4               (2) commits to the American principle that the  
5       suppression of thought by any means and by either  
6       government or individuals must always yield to the  
7       right of free speech and that violence is never an ap-  
8       propriate response to a difference in beliefs.

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